

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. The indication of allowability of claims 7 to 10 is appreciated. These claims are not being rewritten into independent form (at this time), because the amendment of independent claim 1 is believed to clearly place this application in condition for allowance.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being submitted with a copy of Japanese Patent Document 3-176292 which was submitted with the earlier IDS. The Examiner indicated that his copy of the earlier IDS did not include a copy of this Japanese Patent Document.

Accordingly, a new copy of this Document is being submitted with the IDS.

The rejection of claims 1-6, 11-14 and 16-20 have been rejected as being anticipated over Patent No. 5,273,472 (Skedelski '472 patent) is traversed and has been overcome by amendment. In particular, the claims have been amended to make more clear that the flexible material covers substantially all of the fin core, except for the regions on the cores corresponding to registration posts. Skedelski '472 discloses a fin core having soft leading and trailing edges. In Skedelski '472, most of the surface of the fin core is not covered by a soft material and therefore does not anticipate any claim.

The rejection relies on the cross sectional fin shown in Fig. 6 of Skedelski '472. Fig. 6 shows leading and trailing ridges 43, 44 that extend from the fin core 311 and are adjacent the soft leading and trailing fin edges 314. The rejection asserts that the leading and trailing ridges 43, 42 correspond to the registration posts recited in claim 1 of the pending application. There is no anticipation because the soft edges added to the fin core in Skedelski '472 do not cover the sides of the core. Further, there is no anticipation of: claim 1 because the flexible material does not encircle the leading and trailing ridges in Skedelski '472; claims 4 and 5 because the ridges

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in Skedelski '472 do not have visible indicia or a logo; and claim 11 because Skedelski '472 does not disclose an over mold having a cavity with an inner surface that matches an outer surface of the fin, a mold cavity having a width wider than the fin core, registration posts that abut the walls of the mold and fin core.

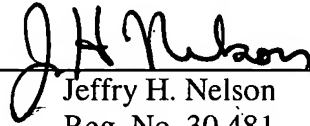
The rejection of dependent claim 15 as being obvious over Skedelski '472 is traversed for the same reasons as stated above for claim 11 on which claim 15 depends. Moreover, it is noted that Skedelski '472 does not in any respect disclose an over mold system, such as recited in claim 11 and 15.

All claims are in good condition for allowance. If any small matter remains outstanding, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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